



# **Tribal Transit Program**

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# Federal Transit Administration

Provide financial assistance through grants to develop new public transportation systems and improve, maintain, and operate existing systems.

The FTA consists of 10 program offices, headquartered in Washington, DC, and field offices in 10 regions.





# Tribal Transit Program

- Established the Public Transportation on Indian Reservation Program (referred to as the Tribal Transit Program (TTP))
- Authorizes direct grants to Indian tribes for any purpose eligible under this section” (Section 5311 non-urbanized formula program)
  - Capital, planning and operating assistance for rural/remote public transit service
  - Acquisition of public transportation services, including service agreements with private providers of public transportation services



# Tribal Transit Program

- Funding Levels
  - FY 2006 - \$8 Million (Proposals Selected)
  - FY 2007 - \$10 Million (Open Competition under way – closes August 2, 2007)
  - FY 2008 - \$12 Million
  - FY 2009 - \$15 Million





## Other Grant Programs FY 07

- Section 5310 - Elderly and Persons with Disabilities – managed by states-Rural
  - Alaska \$276,085 - Idaho \$558,416-
  - Oregon \$1,432,073 - Washington- \$2,216,199
- Section 5311 – NonUrbanized Formula – managed by states - Rural
  - Alaska \$5,320,819 - Idaho \$5,126,780-
  - Oregon \$8,581,134 - Washington \$8,392,208
- Section 5316 – Job Access Reverse Commute – managed by the states- Rural
  - Alaska \$93,888 - Idaho \$248,790-
  - Oregon \$395,978 - Washington \$486,768
- Section 5317- New Freedoms – managed by the states – Rural
  - Alaska \$44,556 - Idaho \$106,683-
  - Oregon \$269,190 - Washington \$272,757



## Other Grant Programs FY 07 (cont'd)

- Section 5309 –
  - Capital Bus & Bus Facilities – competitive program
- **Application closed May 22, 2007.**
- **Be aware of for 2008**



# **Proposal Totals - Nationwide**

## **Tribal Transit Planning, Start-up & Enhancement Grant Requests FY 06**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Year                      \$22.1 Million
- 2-4 Years                    \$41.7 Million
- Total                            \$63.8 Million



## 2006 Funding Nationwide

- \$7.92 Million Available
- 63 out of 95 tribes competed successfully for funds
  - Planning \$834,965
  - Start-Up/New Service \$3,168,861
  - Enhancement/Expansion \$3,916,354





## FY 06 Funding

### Selected projects

- National 63
- Region 10 17 (27%)
- Idaho 0
- Washington 10 (16%)
- Oregon 3 (5%)
- Alaska 4 (6%)



# 2006 Tribal Transit Invited to Fund

- 4 from Alaska
  - The Sitka Tribe - \$265,207
  - Chickaloon Native Village - \$25,000
  - Orutsararmiut Native Council (ONC)–  
25,000
  - Gulkana Village Council - \$232,600
- 3 from Oregon
  - Burns Paiute Tribe - \$25,000
  - Coquille Tribe of Oregon - \$25,000
  - Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde  
Community of Oregon - \$247,340



## **2006 Tribal Transit Invited to Fund (cont'd)**

- 10 from Washington
  - The Quinault Indian Nation - \$25,000
  - The Shoalwater Bay Indian Tribe - \$24,797
  - Suquamish Tribe - \$25,000
  - Squaxin Island Tribe - \$25,000
  - Skokomish Tribe of the Skokomish Reservation - \$25,000



## **2006 Tribal Transit Invited to Fund (cont'd)**

- Lummi Indian Business Council - \$306,500
- Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation - \$490,890
- Kalispel Tribe of Indians - \$167,547
- Snoqualmie Tribe – \$274,169
- Confederated Tribes of the Colville Nation - \$156,000





# Proposed vs. **Invited** to Fund

- **Planning**
  - \$834,965 Nationwide
    - \$834,965
  - \$224,797 Region 10 (100%)
    - \$224,797 ( 8 out of 8 )
- **Start-up/New Service**
  - \$7,660,251 Nationwide
    - \$3,168,681
  - \$3,260,057 Region 10 (56%)
    - \$1,824,239 ( 7 out of 9 )
- **Enhancement/Expansion**
  - \$10,842,370 Nationwide
    - \$3,916,354
  - \$2,203,938 Region 10 (19%)
    - \$421,207 ( 2 out of 7 )



# Application General Information

- Applications must be submitted to FTA and received by **August 2, 2007**.
- 3 ways applications can be submitted:
  - Hard Copy **Overnight** (sent via mail to Lorna Wilson, Washington, DC) **NOTE Address change**
  - [www.Grants.gov](http://www.Grants.gov)
  - E-mail to [FTA.tribalprogram@dot.gov](mailto:FTA.tribalprogram@dot.gov)
  - (Copy sent to Regional Office)



# Application General Information

- Tribes may apply for multi years but likely only FY 07 considered due to demand
- Priority for FY 07 funding to continuation for start-up projects
- All tribes must submit a grant application in FY 07
- Tribes applying for continuation may incorporate by reference materials submitted in FY 06
- Funds good for year of appropriation plus 2 years



# Planning Application Criteria

- Need for the planning study
  - Is the Tribe committed to planning for transit?
  - Is the scope of the proposed study for Tribal Transit?
  - Describe the need and scope of the study in no more than 3 pages
- Evaluation will be pass/fail
  - Every effort will be made to award a grant for as many qualified applicants as possible.





## **Start-up/Enhancement Application Criteria**

- **Project Planning and Coordination**
  - describe & demonstrate there is sound basis for project
  - project is ready to implement if funded.
- **Demonstration of Need**
  - demonstrate Tribal transit needs
  - discuss how proposed transit improvements will address identified transit needs of Tribe



## **Start-up/Enhancement Application Criteria**

- **Benefits of Project** - identify expected project benefits (i.e. increased ridership and daily trips, improved service)
- **Financial Commitment and Operating Capacity** - Identify any other funding sources used by Tribe to support existing or proposed transit services, including human service transportation, IRR, and/or FTA program funding.



# Eligibility Information

- **Eligible Applicants/Direct Recipients** - Federally Recognized Indian Tribes or Alaska Native Villages, groups or communities as identified by Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA)
- **Eligible Projects** - any purpose under Section 5311 Non-Urbanized (rural) formula program
- **Funding Available**
  - Start-up/New Services
  - Existing Transit Services
  - Planning Studies (limited to \$25,000)
  - Capital Expense – Acquisition, Construction, etc.
- **No Local Match**



# Terms and Conditions

- Common Grant Rule
- Civil Rights Act of 1964
- Section 504 and ADA
- Drug and Alcohol Testing
- Charter Service and School Bus Transportation
- National Transit Database Reporting
- Bus Testing
- DOL 5333(b) Special Warranty Certification





# **Application Contact Information**

- Name of federally-recognized Tribe
- Dun & Bradstreet Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS)
- Contact name, address, & phone/fax number
- Description of public transportation service currently provided by Tribe including areas served.
- Name of person(s) authorized to apply on behalf of Tribe



# **Application Information**

- Legal Capacity
  - provide documentation to show applicant is a federally recognized Tribe
  - who is authorized representative to execute legal agreements on behalf of Tribe



# Application Information

- Technical Capacity
  - Give examples of the Tribe's management of other Federal projects.
  - Resources Tribe has to implement transit projects
- Financial Capacity
  - Financial systems and controls Tribe has in place to adequately receive and manage Federal grants



# Application Project Information

- Budget
  - Federal amount requested for each purpose (specify if multi-year)
  - IF multiple projects, separate and prioritize them to allow partial funding
- Project Description (indicate category)
  - provide summary description of proposed project
  - how will it be implemented?
  - how will it be maintained?
  - Start-up/Enhancement projects limit planning to 15% of grant award
- Project Timeline - milestones





## Resources

- FTA Tribal Transit Program *Federal Register* – Vol. 72, No. 64 Public Transportation on Indian Reservations Program; Tribal Transit Program issued April 4, 2007  
[http://www.fta.dot.gov/laws/leg\\_reg\\_federal\\_register.html](http://www.fta.dot.gov/laws/leg_reg_federal_register.html)
- BIA Tribal Eligibility *Federal Register* – 70 FR 71194 issued November 25, 2005 (Indian Entities Recognized and Eligible to Receive Services from the US BIA)
- FTA Section 5311 Non-Urbanized Formula Program Guidance
- FTA Program Management Circular 5010
- Becoming a Region 10 New Grantee Packet
- FTA Website <http://www.fta.dot.gov>
- FTA Master Agreement for Tribal Programs



## **FTA – Region 10 Profile**

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